

Montague Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 11, 2016 – 6:30 pm

Upstairs Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Commissioners Present: Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Donna Francis, Addie Rose Holland and Justin Fermann.

Commissioners Absent: Alex Peterkin, Deb Picking, and Sean Werle

Staff: Walter Ramsey - Agent

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM

1. **Approval of Minutes:** January 14, 2016 - Tabled

Motion made by Justin Fermann to table the January 14, 2016 minutes due to the lack of enough commissioners present to approve. Seconded by Addie Rose Holland. **Motion passed unanimously.**

2. **6:30 PM Public Hearing: Request for Determination RDA #2016-01 filed by Jeanne Antill** for septic system repair at 40 Taylor Hill Road (Assessors Map 42 Lot 63). Limited work/grading will be done within 100 feet of the Bordering Vegetative Wetlands.

Guests: Jeanne Antill - Owner and Alan Weiss – Cold Spring Environmental

The new septic system is within Title 5 code and has a 100 foot setback. The house will have its own leaching system and separate system after the repair is done. The septic system repair is on site as shown on the plans provided by Alan Weiss of Cold Spring Environmental. Siltation controls are noted. The limit of work/grading is within 100 feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland. The old system that is being decommissioned is 25 feet from the nearest wetland.

The Commission reviewed the plans and did not have any objections.

Agent Recommend Negative Determination Box 3: “The work described in the request is within the buffer zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not remove, fill, dredge, or alter that area. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent.” And also recommended a Negative Determination Box 6: “The area and/or work described in the Request are not subject to review and approval by Montague.”

Motion made by Justin Fermann to approve RDA #2016-01 filed by Jeanne Antill with a Negative Determination Boxes 3 and Box 6. Seconded by Addie Rose Holland. **Motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Agent Updates:**

- a. 420 Turners Falls Road Enforcement Order Updates – At Commission’s request, Agent has sent correspondence and file to DEP (David Cameron – Wetlands Chief) who will next present materials to the regional wetlands committee for enforcement action.. James Smith has been informed of the status and has been in contact with Walter Ramsey.

- b. Justin Fermann will attend the MACC Conference and the Planning & Conservation Department will pay for his attendance fees of \$115 for the conference from the conservation fund.

Motion made by Addie Rose Holland to authorize payment for attendance fees of \$115 to be paid from the Wetlands Protection fund so that Justin Fermann can attend the MACC conference. Seconded by Donna Francis. **Motion passed. Justin Fermann Abstaining.**

Motion made by Justin Fermann to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded by Donna Francis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Documents:

January 14, 2016 minutes

RDA #2016-01 File

420 Turners Falls Road File

MACC conference materials